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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 847**

**Introduced by Senator Ducheny**

February 22, 2005

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An act relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 847, as amended, Ducheny. Career technical education: highly qualified teachers.

Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession, and requires the commission to award teaching credentials, including credentials for teaching adult education and vocational education classes.

This bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to adopt regulations to ensure that a teacher assigned to provide instruction in a career technical education course is highly qualified, as defined. *The bill would provide that these regulations may not require a person who teaches a career technical education course that does not include instruction in a core academic subject to be highly qualified, as defined.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Commission on Teacher Credentialing,  
2 in consultation with the State Department of Education, shall

1 adopt regulations to ensure that a teacher assigned to provide  
2 instruction in a career technical education course is highly  
3 qualified, as defined by subsection (23) of Section 7801 of Title  
4 20 of the United States Code.

5 *(b) The regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall*  
6 *not require a person who teaches a career technical education*  
7 *course that does not include instruction in a core academic*  
8 *subject to be highly qualified, as defined in subdivision (a).*